

Los Angeles (13) California
November 15, 1946

SAC, Salt Lake City

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11-22-85

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SINGEL
CRIME SURVEY; MISCELLANEOUS;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

For the assistance of the Agent [REDACTED] the following is a memo received in this office from San Diego dated November 7, 1946:

"The following information was obtained from [REDACTED] by Special Agent [REDACTED] who interviewed the former on November 5 and 6, 1946 [REDACTED]"

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TO : SAC R. E. MOON

DATE: November 15, 1946

FROM : ASAC J. C. ELLEWORTH

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;
CRIME SURVEY

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I talked to Special Agent [redacted] in Las Vegas on November 14, 1946 who said that SIEGEL and VIRGINIA HILL had not yet arrived in Las Vegas but were expected that day. Since they would be driving, moving all SIEGEL's personal effects, it was probable that they had been delayed by the heavy rains. b7c

Portions of [redacted] Memo for SAC MURPHY in San Diego of November 7th were discussed with [redacted] with the idea in mind that it would be of benefit to him. b2 b7c b7D

[redacted] said that they already know but that he is not in Las Vegas. [redacted]

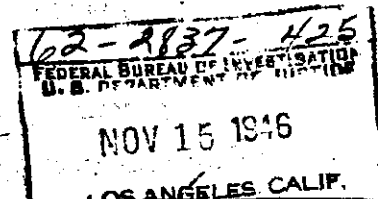
The case was referred to the Bureau and the Department and investigation was authorized. However, Phoenix did not make much of an investigation, but presented the case to the U.S. Attorney, who said that [redacted] was already well known to his office; that his predecessor had tried to get [redacted] on several occasions, but had failed each time to win a prosecution. He, therefore, thought it was useless to try again and declined prosecution. [redacted]

With respect [redacted] he still denies that he knows any of these people in the narcotic racket, but said that if he could see photographs of some of these people [redacted] he might be able to identify them. It is possible that he is holding back this information. If we have photographs of these people we should locate them and loan them [redacted] for display to the informant. b7c

The new wire service is due in Las Vegas any minute now. [redacted] b7D

No technicals have been requested by the Salt Lake City Office as yet, but on November 14, 1946 [redacted] acting in charge, was to telephone Mr. ROSEN about this matter. b7c

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TO : SAC

DATE: November 11, 1946

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED] b7c

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SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.as.
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

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Just prior to Special Agent [REDACTED] transfer to Los Angeles
information was obtained concerning [REDACTED] through [REDACTED] b7c b7D

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Special Agent in Charge

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DATE: November 11, 1946

FROM : S.A.

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SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BOB" SIEGEL, W.A.S.

INFORMATION CONCERNING; MISCELLANEOUS-CRIME SURVEY

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Los Angeles, California
January 17, 1947

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the file. [REDACTED] b7c

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TO : SAC

DATE: November 21, 1946

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.a.s.
MISC., INFO. CONC., CRIME SURVEY

Re: CONTINENTAL NEWS SERVICE

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[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] did not know whether this information was valid and stated that if it were true it would be very significant; however, he wondered if this was merely a rumor started by the Syndicate from Chicago.

According to information recently received [REDACTED] the above information is believed to be erroneous; however, it is indicative that some faction has started a rumor that [REDACTED] has sold out to the Continental Wire Service distributorship in the Southern California area. b2 b7c b7D

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DIRECTOR and SAC SALT LAKE CITY URGENT

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[REDACTED] UNSUBS, NSPA. RE SALT LAKE
CITY TELETYPE THIS DATE, [REDACTED] IS BENJAMIN SIEGEL'S
BODYGUARD AND GUNMAN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON NIGHT OF NOV. SIXTEEN BETWEEN EIGHT
THIRTYFIVE P.M. AND ONE FORTYFIVE A.M. APT. OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HERE, WAS BURGLARIZED. [REDACTED] LIVES IN SUNSET
PLAZA APTS. ALSO. APPROXIMATELY TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH
OF JEWELRY TAKEN. AMONG ITEMS LISTED ARE FOLLOWING WHICH COMPARE
FAVORABLY WITH ITEMS NAMED IN SALT LAKE CITY TELETYPE. QUOTE ONE
VERY RARE DARK CORN BLUE STAR SAPPHIRE, TWENTYFIVE KTS. ROUND,
SET IN PLATINUM MOUNTING HEAVY MANISH TYPE VALUE SEVENTYFIVE HUNDRED
DOLLARS UNQUOTE. ALSO DRESS SET INCLUDING PAIR OF CUFF LINKS, FOUR VEST
BUTTONS, TWO SHIRT STUDS. SET WAS OF SQUARE SHAPE WITH BAGETTE
DIAMONDS ON SURROUNDING EDGE AND BLOOD RUBIES IN CENTER, VALUE
TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED. IN ADDITION SALT LAKE CITY CAN BE ON LOOKOUT
FOR FOLLOWING. DRESS SET OF STAR RUBIES SET IN PLATINUM, POINTED OVAL
SHAPED WITH TWO OR THREE DIAMONDS ON FACE TOP. SET INCLUDES PAIR
OF CUFF LINKS, THREE STUDS, THREE VEST BUTTONS, VALUE THIRTYFIVE
HUNDRED. ONE GENUINE PEARL FIFTEEN GRAINS, POINTED OVAL SHAPE IN
PHILLAGREE MOUNTING USED AS TIE STUD, ALSO DRESS STUD, VALUE
TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED. POLICE REPORTS BEING CHECKED ON FUR COATS TO

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: November 26, 1946

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Associate of Jack Dragna

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.a.s.
MISC., INFO. CONC.-CRIME SURVEYALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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[REDACTED]

It is noted that on November 13, 1946, [REDACTED] confidentially
advised that JACK DRAGNA was contacting [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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TO : SAC

DATE: November 26, 1946

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, W.A.S.
MISC., INFO. CONC.-CRIME SURVEY

RE: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

The Los Angeles files were checked against this individual with negative results. No further action is being taken concerning him.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 11/26/46

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was.
MISC., INFO. CONC.-CRIME SURVEY

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RE: ~~GEORGE RAFT~~

On November 12, 1946, Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer observed a 1946 Chrysler Convertible Station Wagon Coupe parked at the driveway of [REDACTED] Beverly Hills, California, which automobile had 1946 California license plate no. 7 X 6202. b7c

A subsequent check with the California Motor Vehicle Department on 1946 California License 7 X 6202 reflected that this 1946 Chrysler is registered and owned by GEORGE RAFT, residence 1218 Coldwater Canyon, Beverly Hills, California.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 11/26/46

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, W.A.S.
MISC., INFO. CONC.-CRIME SURVEY

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RE: INFORMATION ABOUT [REDACTED] WHEREABOUTS

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[REDACTED] advised on November 14, 1946, after many days of sub-
mitting no information concerning [REDACTED] activities that [REDACTED]

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TO : SAC, Detroit (A)

DATE: 11/26/46

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

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SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases (b2
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY b7D
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On November 14, 1946, [redacted] advised that one [redacted] contacted JACK DRAGNA, local head of the Transamerica Race Horse News Service and ex-con, and advised [redacted] to tell JACK DRAGNA that they were staying at the Hotel Biltmore in Los Angeles.

Subsequently [redacted] advised JACK DRAGNA that one [redacted] at the Biltmore Hotel called for him.

[redacted] b7D

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[redacted]

[redacted]

The Chicago Field Office and the Detroit Field Office are requested to check their indices in regard to the above individuals and submit background information of these individuals.

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Japanese Embassy in Chicago from New York City, dated November 1954, which suggested that Federal Narcotics Agents at Los Angeles should be contacted concerning [redacted] whom SIBUM has refused to come to distrust [redacted] believing that [redacted] has talked to narcotic agents in Los Angeles as result of recent round up of opiate peddlers in the Los Angeles Area.

[redacted] was not asked any questions concerning the possibility of SIEGEL being connected in the narcotic traffic together with [redacted]

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MEMO., SAC:

11/26/46

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.as.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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(FBI)

As a coincidence, [REDACTED] advised that on November 12, 1946 he had met [REDACTED] of the Federal Narcotic Bureau while he was walking on Beverly Boulevard. In this connection it is noted that on November 12, 1946 when Bureau Agents interviewed [REDACTED] he indicated that inasmuch as it was a rainy day and he had a lot of work to do in the office he was going to remain in the office. It is, therefore, believed that inasmuch as Bureau Agents indicated that they were going to talk to [REDACTED] concerning Fugitive [REDACTED] on November 12, 1946 immediately contacted [REDACTED] for what purposes are presently unknown. [REDACTED]

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SAC, New York

November 26, 1946

SAC, Los Angeles

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

[REDACTED] b7c

New York is requested to immediately identify the above [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] in Los Angeles and determine whether or
not they have been in the past involved in any jewelry or National Stolen
Property Act cases.

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC:

DATE: November 26, 1946

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, [REDACTED]

DATE: November 26, 1946

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIGHEL, W.A.S.
MISC., INFO. CONC.-CRIME SURVEY

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INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [REDACTED]

In an effort to ascertain the reliability and background of [REDACTED]

In view of the preliminary investigation conducted concerning [REDACTED] the above-mentioned Agents telephonically contacted [REDACTED] on November 14, 1946 and made an appointment to meet him [REDACTED] at approximately 7:30 P.M. on the same date. During the telephonic communication [REDACTED] the reporting agent requested that [REDACTED] be interviewed in private inasmuch as it was a confidential matter that Agents wished to speak to him about. [REDACTED] immediately stated that he had no secrets and indicated that there were other members of the family in the apartment and he did not care to meet away from the apartment but indicated that he would be willing to meet the Agents in the lobby of the hotel at approximately 7:30 P.M.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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NOV 27 1946

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

MEMO., SAC:-

November 26, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.as.

At 7:30 P.M., the above Agents interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In view of the attitude Agents stated that "they were not sure that they wanted any assistance" and commenced departing from the conversation at which time [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he would be willing to cooperate; however, in view of the circumstances, Agents believed that it was best to terminate the negotiations and thereafter departed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MEMO., SAC:

November 26, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.a.s.

[REDACTED]

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SAC, SALT LAKE CITY URGENT

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BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISC., INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY.

ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF [REDACTED] LAST NAME UNKNOWN, WHO COMMUNICATED WITH
L.A. Party [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY ON NOV. TWENTYNINE LAST [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SUTEL.

[REDACTED] HOOD

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 1:58 P.M. [REDACTED] b7c

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : R. B. HOOD, SAC

FROM : JAMES C. ELLSWORTH, ASAC

DATE: December 2, 1946

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING,
CRIME SURVEYALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 11-25-85 BY SP-7mac/BS

Agents [REDACTED] have been sent to Las Vegas
to work on the technical surveillance established there. [REDACTED] b7c

For the record, Agent [REDACTED]

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TO : SAC

DATE: 12/2/46

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

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On November 2, 1946, Federal Narcotic Agent [REDACTED] Federal
Narcotic Bureau, made arrangements whereby [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] would be inter-
viewed by the writer at the United States Marshal's office in the Federal
Building.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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MEMO., SAC:

12/2/46

Re: [REDACTED] b7c

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

[REDACTED]

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Arrangements will be made to interview [REDACTED] more fully at a future date and photographs of various associates of SIEGEL and others engaged in the narcotic traffic will be shown him.

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[REDACTED]
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 12/2/46

FROM :

S.A. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUCK" SIEGEL, with aliases
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LOS ANGELES OFFICE

MEMO., SAC:

12/2/46

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.a.s.

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TO : SAC

DATE: December 2, 1946

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

Re: [REDACTED]

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MEMO., SAC:

December 2, 1946

Re: BENJMAIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases

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cc: 62-2169

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA U R G E N T

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS, MISC., INFO. CONC. CRIME SURVEY

REQUEST PHOTO OF [REDACTED] b2

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] FORWARD IMMEDIATE TO L.A. AMSD.

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301 Continental Bank Building
Salt Lake City, 1, Utah
December 2, 1946

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SAC, Miami

**Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY**

Dear Sir:

Information has been previously submitted to the Bureau, the New York City and Miami Field Divisions reflecting that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

82-2837-4
The Flamingo Hotel is a \$4,000,000.00 resort hotel and gambling
casino presently under construction at Las Vegas, Nevada by SIEGEL, LANSKY,
COSTELLO, ADONIS

SIEMM. has recently moved to Las Vegas for the purpose of making his permanent residence there. As soon as the Flamingo Hotel is completed, he will occupy the Hotel penthouse on a permanent basis.

[REDACTED]

[Signature]

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SAC, Miami

Re: BENJAMIN "Bugs" SIEGEL
MISO., INFO. CONCERNING,
CRIME SURVEY

SIEGEL'S activities and those of his associates are being followed closely and consistently by this office and the Los Angeles office. Little is known at the present time about [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in the Miami Field Division and New Orleans area. Reports submitted by the Miami and New Orleans Field Divisions in the CAPSA matter and regular Crime Survey memoranda are not available to this office. b7c

It is, therefore, requested that the Miami Field Division furnish the Salt Lake City Field Division with pertinent information available from its files on the activities and associates of SIEGEL as well as [REDACTED]

It is also requested that the New Orleans Field Division furnish the Salt Lake City Field Division with similar information from its files relating to SIEGEL and his known associates in New Orleans [REDACTED]

A copy of this letter is directed to the New York City Field Division in view of the expressed intentions of COSTELLO, ADONIS, and LANSKY to be in New Orleans and Miami respectively on December 26, 1946.

Very truly yours,

62-1130
AIR MAIL

cc: New Orleans (AIR MAIL)
New York (AIR MAIL)
Los Angeles

JAY C. NEWMAN
Special Agent in Charge

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, R. B. HOOD

DATE: December 3, 1946

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF JACK DRAGNA
ON 11/29/46

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As a result of information received from confidential sources it was ascertained that JACK DRAGNA had planned a meet with [REDACTED] in front of BILL MILLER's Jewelry Store, 1611 No. Vine Street on November 29, 1946 at 5 p.m. b7C

In order to determine any other possible contacts made during this meet JACK DRAGNA was surveilled by Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer on November 29, 1946. At approximately 4:50 p.m. Agent [REDACTED] observed DRAGNA leaving the Plaza Hotel cocktail bar which is north of Miller's Jewelry Store on Vine Street, accompanied by an unknown individual described as about 35 years of age; 5' 9"; 170; dark hair; dark eyes; Jewish appearance, wearing camel hair top coat and no hat. DRAGNA and this individual immediately went to the entrance of Miller's Jewelry Store, where they waited until approximately 5:05 p.m. when both of them observed a woman about 30 years of age; dark complexion; dark hair, Italian appearance approach them from the direction of Hollywood Boulevard. Upon meeting this girl, DRAGNA immediately hugged her and kissed her and said goodbye to the unknown man with whom he had been talking. The writer observed the unknown individual depart and enter the Hollywood Hotel Plaza cocktail bar, while JACK DRAGNA got into a 1941 Plymouth Coupe, 1946 California License 28 H 682, with the woman. When DRAGNA got into the automobile with the unknown woman again he hugged and kissed her several times and drove off. b7C

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TO : SAC

FROM : S.A.

DATE: 12/4/46

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

~~Re:~~

On December 1, 1946, [redacted] in a conversation with [redacted] asked for [redacted] telephone number which [redacted] gave as CRestview 6-0685.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 12/4/46

FROM : ASAC JAMES C. ELLSWORTH

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases
INFORMATION CONCERNING * CRIME SURVEY

On December 2, 1946, Special Agent [REDACTED] in Las Vegas advised that a telephone has been installed for [REDACTED]

SIEGEL, [REDACTED] is bringing three people to Las Vegas under assumed names. These men will stay at the Flamingo Hotel, but will not work there and will not appear to be connected with the organization in any way. However, he will have them available in case he needs them. He has said specifically that he is bringing [REDACTED] one of his old gunmen, out to be on hand.

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TO : SAC

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED] b7c

DATE: December 5, 1946

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases
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DATE 11-25-85 BY SP-7022/DOA photograph [REDACTED] is being submitted to Los Angeles case file
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TO : SAC

DATE: 12/5/46

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

Re: [REDACTED] and VIRGINIA HILL at the CIRCLE J. RANCH, NEWHALL, CALIF.

[REDACTED] advised the writer that in connection with the investigation he had made in Newhall, California some years ago concerning racketeering and gangster activities he had ascertained that VIRGINIA HILL had frequented the Circle J Ranch in Newhall, California. He could not recall exactly what information he had received at the time concerning narcotic activities being conducted at the Circle J Ranch [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]

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November 25, 1946

INFORMATION GIVEN BY [REDACTED]

FEDERAL NARCOTIC AGENT

REGARDING [REDACTED]

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, THE UNIONE SICILIONE AND [REDACTED]

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TO : SAC

DATE: November 27, 1946

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases-
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING -
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On November 22, 1946 [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agent
and the writer. [REDACTED]b2
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TO : SAC

DATE: November 29, 1946

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases-
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

Re: [REDACTED]

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MEMO., SAC:

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.as.-
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cc: 62-2169

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TO : SAC

DATE: November 29, 1946

FROM : S.A.

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SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

Re 1

BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL; MEYER LANSKY; and

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Reference is made to Memo. for SAC MURPHY, dated November 7, 1946 at San Diego, California by Special Agent [REDACTED] in which information is set out on page 5 reflecting [REDACTED]

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MEMO., SAC:

November 29, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases-

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MEMO., SAC:

November 29, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases-

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[REDACTED]

In the mug album made up by the Federal Narcotic Bureau, the writer noted that BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL is set out as an individual engaged in the narcotic traffic and his associates are listed as MEYER LANSKY, [REDACTED]. It is noted in the mug album that SIEGEL is listed as having many prominent movie star and movie union leader contacts. [REDACTED] and the following is set out under his photograph: "A prominent underworld leader in the New York area. In recent years has become a leading racketeer in California and Nevada and has become intimate with well known legitimate persons. He has always been closely connected with narcotic smuggling and distributing groups." [REDACTED] stated that SIEGEL has an extensive criminal record, [REDACTED] as is listed in the files of the Federal Narcotic Bureau. It was pointed out by the writer to [REDACTED] that some of these charges did not show up on SIEGEL's FBI criminal record and [REDACTED] stated that SIEGEL had connections [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISC. INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY.
SUBJECT DEPARTING LAS VEGAS TODAY WESTERN AIR LINES, FLIGHT FIFTEEN.
ARRIVING LOS ANGELES TEN O CLOCK TONIGHT. WHILE IN LOS AGXX ANGELES,
SUBJ WILL RESIDE WITH VIRGINIA HILL AT CHATEAU MARMOUNT APARTMENTS,
HOLLYWOOD, WHERE THEY ARE REGISTERED AS MR. AND MRS. SXX HILL. SUBJ
AND HILL PLAN TO RETURN TO LAS VEGAS DECEMBER EIGHTH.

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TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: December 4, 1946.

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was.,
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEYALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 11-25-83 BY SP-7 mcl/daReference is made to your teletype dated December 3, 1946,
requesting a photograph [REDACTED]

I am enclosing herewith a photograph [REDACTED]

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TO : SAC HOOD

DATE: December 2, 1946

FROM : ASAC ELLSWORTH

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING,
CRIME SURVEY

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510 South Spring Street, Room 900
Los Angeles 13, California
December 5, 1946

SAC, Salt Lake City

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING -
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ON 11-25-85

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Los Angeles letter directed to the
Bureau, dated November 27, 1946, in the above-captioned case wherein
information is set out that [REDACTED]
had stated that BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL and some of his associates are
connected in the narcotic traffic between Mexico and the United States.
[REDACTED]

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There is being enclosed photographs of the following
individuals:

[REDACTED]

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SAC, Salt Lake City

December 5, 1946

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on a Sunday in December, 1944. [REDACTED] SIEGEL was there as well and contacted [REDACTED] SIEGEL had driven his own automobile [REDACTED] and was accompanied by the movie actress, [REDACTED] Prior to SIEGEL's arrival at this time [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is SIEGEL's representative in [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who financed all of the narcotic activities [REDACTED] that SIEGEL is the individual [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was not a SIEGEL man, but was a small independent dealer in narcotics.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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SAC, Salt Lake City

December 5, 1946

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has been dealing in drugs since at least 1922 and his connection with SIEGEL in so far as narcotics are concerned, is derived from the fact that he is also supplied narcotics by the man, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] have been set out previously as close associates [REDACTED]

It is requested that the enclosed photographs be exhibited to [REDACTED] in order that he may possibly identify them as individuals known to him as being engaged in the narcotic racket.

Very truly yours,

E. B. HOOD
SAC

[REDACTED] b2c
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Enclosures

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S.A. [REDACTED] b7c

CRIME SURVEY
LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] did not know who was coming with
but it is anticipated that this information will be made available in
the near future.

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cc: 62-2837

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Ship and 14 Aboard Believed Lost as Wreckage Sighted

Lending credence to fears that the 150-foot San Pedro motorship Pacifica foundered, probably with the loss of her crew of 14, off the Central America coast, the Coast Guard yesterday received reports that wreckage presumed to be from the long overdue vessel had been sighted. The motorship Notre Dame reported sighting, 100 miles south of Acapulco and 140 miles west of where a drifting lifeboat and two bodies were picked up last Sunday, a 20-by-25-foot section of decking, a 20-by-25-foot pilot house, and timbers of the kind carried by the Pacifica on deck when she left Guatemala Nov. 12 for San Pedro.

Capt. Kenneth G. MacLean, commander of the craft, had written to his wife here that he feared trouble from "bad ones" in the crew, and from the deck-load of lumber which made the vessel top-heavy.

*Cargo in
above ship
belonged to
J. P. Magna.*

*S.A. Jones
12-5-46*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 12/6/46

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: *TRANSAMERICA NEWS SERVICE
*JACK DRAGNA
CRIME SURVEYALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 11-25-85 BY SP-7 msc/180

On December 5, 1946, from confidential source it was ascertained that [REDACTED] (phonetic) believed to be [REDACTED] communicated with JACK DRAGNA and questioned DRAGNA as to where he could contact MOE SEDWAY. [REDACTED] inquires as to whether or not he knew where MOE SEDWAY was located and that MOE SEDWAY was supposed to be at the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel and was not there. DRAGNA responded by saying that MOE SEDWAY is believed to be in Las Vegas. An agreement was reached between JACK and [REDACTED] to meet at Crenshaw and Wilshire Boulevards at 4:00 P.M.

On the same date surveillance was conducted by [REDACTED] and the writer reflected he, DRAGNA, at 4:00 o'clock met with an individual in a 1946 Packard Sedan, bearing 1946 Illinois license 103622. This individual was described as short (seated in the car), wearing glasses, bare headed, hair parted on the left side, age 55, red complexion, smoking a cigar.

The above Illinois license is being checked.

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cc: 62-2837

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510 South Spring Street, Room 900
Los Angeles 13, California
December 6, 1946

Department of Motor Vehicles
Springfield, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Kindly furnish this office the registry of 1946
Illinois license 103622. This is a 120 Packard Sedan.

In response, kindly refer to our file 62-2837.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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Los Angeles Briefs

Robbery Suspect Seized—Having posted \$5000 bond, Jack Ignacia Dragna, 55-year-old former gambling boat operator, was released from the County Jail on a writ signed by Superior Court



Times photo

** Jack Ignacia Dragna*

Judge Walter S. Gates. Dragna was booked on suspicion of robbery Friday night following his arrest by the police gangster squad at the Hollywood Legion Stadium following the fights. Arresting Officers B. E. McClure and R. L. Meade said Dragna, who gave his home address as 8927 Hubert Ave., closely resembled a man sought in connection with recent Los Angeles robberies.

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

On December 6, 1946 while the writer was proceeding to meet with [REDACTED] he observed [REDACTED]

at Santa Monica on Lodi and proceed in a northerly direction and was immediately followed by a 1939 Desoto Sedan, 1946 California license no. 36 R 481 which automobile was driven by a young man whose identity is unknown.

A check with the California Motor Vehicle Department reveals that 1946 California license 36 R 481 is registered to [REDACTED]. The registered automobile is a 1939 Desoto Sedan and the legal owner is the Bank of America, 6101 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, California. It is further noted that [REDACTED] frequently contacts an individual [REDACTED] whose exact identity is unknown and has discussed with her tentative appointments concerning various character parts taken in different motion pictures.

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BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISC. INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY.

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[REDACTED] ARRIVED AT LAS VEGAS, NOVEMBER NINTH LAST AND
CONTACTED SIEGEL WITH REGARD TO RECENT KILLING OF BENNIE " MEATBALL"
GAMSON IN LOS ANGELES. [REDACTED]
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TO : SAC

DATE: December 12, 1946

FROM : ASAC JAMES C. ELLSWORTH

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

In talking with Special Agent [REDACTED] in Las Vegas on December 11, 1946, it was determined that SIEGEL and VIRGINIA HILL returned to Las Vegas Monday morning, December 9, 1946. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was.
MISC., INFO. CONC. - CRIME SURVEY
SLAPSY MAXEY'S CAFE

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[redacted] advised the writer on December 4, 1946 that SLAPSY MAXEY'S Restaurant, 5605 Wilshire Blvd., is commonly known among Chicago hoodlums and is owned by "the Syndicate." The writer asked this informant how he knew this to be true and he advised that it was only rumored among his Chicago hoodlum friends that the Syndicate controlled by AL CAPONE and FRANK COSTELLO was a Syndicate that put up the money.

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510 South Spring Street, Room 900
Los Angeles 13, California
December 12, 1946


Santa Monica, California

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is material which you furnished to this
office in connection with an official investigation.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure

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Society in Filmland

By THE YOUNG MAN ABOUT HOLLYWOOD

Bob Brooks and Jean Porter have been leaping about of late ... June Clayworth's packing for a personal appearance tour with "Beat the Band," in which she was featured for R-K-O... Penny Singleton and hubby, Bob Sparks, and the kiddies are back from a vacation in Palm Springs...

Nancy Saunders, the Columbia starlet, breezed up (that means flew) to San Francisco to have a gab-feast with friends... Olga San Juan tossed her sister, Aura, a novel fourteenth birthday party—and gave 40 assembled youngsters the thrill of their lives. Olga screened "Blue Skies," then when the lights went up there was Bing Crosby sitting right in the middle of the room...

Wynn Rocamore escorted Patricia Morison to Bill Howard's surprise party for Dotty Lamour last Tuesday... the Gary Coopers have slated a vacation at Sun Valley for the holidays...

Hollywood Snooperman

Audrey Totter and Turhan Bey have that look in their eyes... Don McGuire has been picking up Eileen Howe's dinner checks at the Beverly Tropics. Adele Mara and Dick Morley are a pair around town...

The Robert Stevensons are filling up a new house in Beverly Hills with antiques... Don the Beachcomber's back from a trip to Chicago... Gladys Towles Root has been causing many a stare with her ostrich feather hat and bag... Lina Romay and Jack Sasson holding hands and mooning over the Bracer Breakfast at Tail o' the Cock... Betty Oakland's devoting all her time to Bill Herd Richardson...

The Ring Lardner Jr. hosted a party at the Mayfair. Herbert Rudley, Henry Brandon and Betty Buckner were in the group... Arthur Lyons entertained the Al Halls and the Edgar Bergens at the Chanteclair...

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DATE: [REDACTED] BY: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

Investigation previously conducted that [REDACTED] is a close friend of
VIRGINIA HILL and "BUGS" SIEGEL and was frequently seen in their company in
Beverly Hills and Hollywood.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 62-2532

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Dear Sir:

WAFSA
Bureau File 62-41673

Information was received by the San Francisco Field Division from Confidential Informants that the subject on November 12, 1946, was in San Francisco, California, having just returned from Shanghai, China, and was in the company of two body guards.

[REDACTED] At the time of his being taken into custody on Powell Street in front of the St. Francis Hotel, where he was staying,

[REDACTED]

The above information is being given to the Seattle, Los Angeles, Chicago, Portland, and St. Paul Field Divisions, in view of the fact that these Field Divisions have conducted extensive investigation concerning the subject.

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- cc St. Paul (2)
- cc SF File 67-646
- cc SF File 94-283,
- 67-641 and 62-2532

Very truly yours,

HARRY M. KIMBALL,
Special Agent in Charge

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DO NOT INTERVIEW [REDACTED] SUGGEST INFO. REGARDING HIS ACTIVITIES
AND WHEREABOUTS BE FURNISHED ST. PAUL AND MIAMI IN CONNECTION WITH
CASE ENTITLED JEWEL THIEVES IN MIAMI AREA, NSPA. EXPEDITE RE//YOUR
REPORT, AS MIAMI INTERESTED IN KNOWING IF [REDACTED] RETURNS TO FLORIDA
THIS WINTER. IF POSSIBLE ASCERTAIN HIS FORWARDING ADDRESS WHEN HE
LEAVES CALIFORNIA. b7c

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Former Mobster

Prisoner Key
Figure in Case

By International News Service
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The District Attorney's office late today identified Dave Krakauer, an alleged racketeer reputedly tied in at one time with the Dutch Schultz mob, as the mysterious "Pete" sought in the Alvin J. Paris gambling "fix" investigation.

Police said that Krakauer has a record involving arson, counterfeiting, burglary and Sullivan Law violation, an dthat as a gambler had been associated with such big time operators as Arnold Rothstein. He now is being sought for questioning.

The District Attorney's office also disclosed that it is investigating reports that an attempt was made to "fix" a prize fight last Friday night at Madison Square Garden. In this match, Charles Fusari, a welterweight, won aTKO over Chuck Taylor.

Fusari started as a heavy favorite but the betting odds sank to even money then jumped back up to 8-5. A flood of rumors also spread through the Garden before the main event got under way. One change of officials also was made at the last minute.

In another development of the hectic day, Treasury agents tried unsuccessfully to get into the office of the Jay Manufacturing Co., the firm for which Paris said he was employed.

The mysterious "Pete," in a tapped wire conversation, was said to have won \$10,000 on the fight last Friday night.

In still another development, counsel for William Staybach, president of the Lee Manufacturing Co. of Tenafly, N. J., announced that he would appear voluntarily at the District Attorney's office for questioning. His firm did business with the Jay Co., but the attorney said he "has nothing to hide."

Meanwhile, a second man was held by police in the case. The man, Jerome Zarowitz, 23, was described by Assistant District Attorney George F. Monaghan as an employee of "a combination of gamblers and bookmakers."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Representative Ed Hebert of Louisiana declared today Congress should drive "chiselers and fixers" away from pro and amateur sports by making bribery of athletes a federal offense.

He told a reporter he will introduce bills to do this just as soon as Congress convenes Jan. 3—"and don't think the penalties won't be tough."

Referring to charges that gamblers approached two New York backfield men before the Giants-Bears playoff for the National Professional Football League title last Sunday, Hebert said:

"This thing has got to stop. And the time to get this through is before the shock wears off."

One of his proposed bills will apply to the District of Columbia, the other to the rest of the nation. They will be patterned after the New York State Anti-bribery law.

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 19.—J. Walter Morris, president of the Class D Evangeline League predicted today that at least six players in the circuit were through with baseball after allegedly precipitating a gambling scandal which he said "will rock the baseball world."

Morris said that "more than six" players have been involved on charges of "throwing games, betting against their own clubs and being in collusion with gamblers." He refused to name the players or their clubs.

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Los Angeles News
Los Angeles 12-20-46
**Grid inquiry
 turns to odds
 on prize fight**

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (UP)—The district attorney's office, trying to blow the lid off the big town's sports gambling, today sought to determine whether a syndicate had manipulated the odds on last Friday night's Madison Square Garden fight in addition to trying to fix the Giant-Bears championship football game.

Sources close to Dist. Atty. Frank S. Hogan said that a close study was being made of the way the odds bounced up and down during the few days before the welter-weight fight between Charley Fusari of Irvington, N. J., and Charley Taylor of Coalport, Pa.

The investigation centered on a man known as "Pete," mentioned in telephone conversations on a tapped wire to Alvin J. Paris, 28-year-old would-be playboy accused of trying to bribe two Giants players to throw the National Football League championship game.

The trial of Paris, who was denied bail despite the attempts of a powerful legal battery to get him out of a Tombs jail cell, was scheduled to begin today in General Sessions Court here.

In their search for "Pete," police were checking on David Krakauer, a Bronx gambler with a police record dating back 26 years and including convictions for arson and counterfeiting. Krakauer was said to be in a New York hospital.

The cast of characters in the great football fix grew more bizarre by the moment. It already included five of young Paris' closest relatives, all with police records of one sort or another; a parade of Broadway party girls who allegedly were used to entertain professional football players; a high-powered criminal lawyer, Caesar B. F. Barra; and the most fabulous characters of all, the anonymous big-money gamblers of the syndicate for which Paris allegedly was a front.

Internal Revenue agents stepped into the case in New Jersey, where the gambling syndicate supposedly has its headquarters. They were looking for income tax evasions, a favorite government device for nailing high-flying criminals who manage to evade local convictions.

The investigation was spiced yesterday by questioning of various Broadway cuties whose names turned up in a little black address book found in the apartment of young Paris.

He was said to have entertained frequently, and detectives wanted to determine whether he supplied party girls for football players in order to win their friendship and confidence.

The telephone conversation which linked Paris and "Pete" to the Fusari-Taylor fight was reported by the district attorney's office to have gone like this:

Paris: "You are my partner and I'm looking to protect the office."

Pete: "He claims you are trying to throw the market around."

Paris: "What's he yelping about? He won \$10,000 on the fight last night."

The talk took place the morning after the Garden bout. Early in the week Fusari was a 2½-to-1 favorite. The odds dipped to even money, and went back up to 8 to 5 by ring time. Fusari won by a technical knockout.

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Black Hand Gang Said Organized On A National Basis

NEW YORK (UP)—A new Mafia or black hand gang has been organized on a national basis and since the war has spread a trail of murder and wholesale drug peddling across the country from New York to California, Col. Garland H. Williams, district supervisor for the federal narcotics bureau, disclosed today.

Williams said the black hand activities were uncovered by the smashing of two huge New York dope rings and the arrest of six east Harlem gangsters on information reaped from the investigation of the murder of a Republican political worker in the home district of Rep. Vito Marcantonio.

He said that the new Mafia is the 1946 version of the original Unione Siciliana, the black hand of Sicily.

COVER ENTIRE U. S.

"The American born sons of the old Mafia," Williams said, "cover almost the entire United States, particularly the Florida New York, New Jersey, Kansas, Nevada and California areas, working in gambling and narcotics."

"They sneer at the outworn methods of the old Mafia. Where the older black handers worked with bombs, the young Mafia rely on 'connections,' bribery and political corruption."

He said "numerous murders" on the Pacific coast and slayings in other sections of the country had been traced to the Mafia.

Williams cited one murder in Chicago "where Carl Caramuse was on his way to church with his family when he was killed by a shotgun blast from a passing car."

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SAN FRANCISCO TEL. DECEMBER EIGHTEEN LAST REFLECTS THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SENT TELEGRAM FROM S. F. TO [REDACTED] AT BEVERLY WILSHIRE
HOTEL, BEV. HILLS, CALIFORNIA, STATING QUOTE COULD NOT CALL PERIOD
LEAVING FOR CHICAGO PERIOD SEE YOU SOON PERIOD [REDACTED] UNQUOTE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REQUEST KNOW IF ST. PAUL
WANTS [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED IN CONNECTION WITH [REDACTED] WAS, FUG.,
UFAP (MURDER) CASE. [REDACTED] AT BEVERLY WILSHIRE HOTEL THIS DATE.
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CAPGA, DEVELOPMENTS AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER
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[REDACTED] NO RECENT DEVELOP-
MENTS ON ACTIVITIES OF CP OR TA WIRE SERVICE AT LAS VEGAS. TA STILL
FURNISHING SERVICE TO ALL LAS VEGAS, NEVADA RACE BOOKS. CP HAS MADE
NO EFFORT TO SECURE LOCAL OUTLETS FOR RACE BOOKS IN LAS VEGAS AND HAS
TAKEN NO ACTION IN THREATENED LAW SUIT FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT AGAINST
[REDACTED]

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General Bureau of Investigation

Director, FBI

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(Bureau File 62-47004)

(Bureau File 61-195)

Reference is made to instant investigation and to investigation in the matter entitled, [REDACTED] was - FUGITIVE, IO No. 1025; ET AL, First National Bank of Sparkhill, Sparkhill, New York, February 8, 1935 - BANK ROBBERY, NYIA - Bureau File 61-195. b7c

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In the event information is obtained that [REDACTED] has returned to the Lower California area efforts will be made to interview [REDACTED] and the Bureau and interested offices will be advised. b7c

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BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISC., INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY. REURTEL
DEC. NINETEEN AND SAN FRANCISCO TEL DEC. EIGHTEEN, WHEREIN IMPORTANT
INFO REVEALS THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FROM VIRGINIA, APPARENTLY HILL. PREVIOUSLY [REDACTED] ATTEMPTED
TO CONTACT [REDACTED] ON FOUR OCCASIONS. S.F. REPORTS THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SIEGEL'S MISTRESS IS IN FREQUENT AND CONSTANT
TOUCH WITH [REDACTED]

REQUESTS UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE SOURCE OF THIS INFO BE
REVEALED AND ANY CONTACT WITH F.N.B. REGARDING THIS MATTER BE LEFT
ENTIRELY TO DISCRETION OF BUREAU. LA SOURCES ALSO REFLECT THAT FED.
Approved: [REDACTED] Sent 5:20 PM Per [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge

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NARCOTIC BUREAU INTERESTED IN BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MEYER LANSKY,

[REDACTED] ET AL. CHICAGO REQUESTED TO PURSUE

INVESTIGATION [REDACTED] VIGOROUSLY IN VIEW [REDACTED] CLOSE

ASSOCIATION WITH VIRGINIA HILL [REDACTED]

AS WELL AS CONTACTING [REDACTED] IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN POSSIBLE
VIOLATION OF ANY LAW.

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Special Agent in Charge

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SLAYING TRIAL WITNESS MEETS GANG DEATH

L. A. Cleaner War Figure Taken
for Ride, Dumped in Ravine

(Photo on Page Three)

Maurice Malter, 54, whose sensational evidence in a 1939 "cleaners and dyers" war murder trial here sent five men to life imprisonment, yesterday was found slain in true gangland fashion near San Mateo.

Sprawled in a ravine two miles east of Oak Cove Park where he had been dumped after being "taken for a ride," he had been shot twice in the head and twice in the chest with a .38 caliber automatic pistol.

Formerly engaged in the cleaning business and a key figure in Los Angeles' murderous acid-and-bomb-throwing cleaners and dyers battle in 1931, of late he had operated a radio parts store at 1170 South La Brea avenue here.

MADE TRIP—

Identified through an airline receipt found in his pocket which gave his address as 5230 West Olympic boulevard, Wilshire, Station Detective Robert Swan learned from the slain man's widow that on Saturday he flew to Oakland to purchase radio parts.

Callously dragged from an automobile and tossed over a barbed wire fence, the body—~~and~~ no doubt that Malter had been taken for a ride by his enemies," Sheriff McGrath said.

On April 27, 1939, after Malter gained immunity and subsequent freedom from a murder charge by turning state's evidence and testifying against six other defendants, five of the six were sentenced to life imprisonment for the slaying of John Stockman, watchman in an east-side cleaning shop, who was shot and killed December 16, 1931, seven years before, during the cleaners and dyers war.

TESTIFIED—

Malter testified concerning the pistol used to slay the watchman and told the court that Ed Rollins, one of those found guilty, had threatened:

"If you ever tell police what you know about that gun—you'll have a bullet put through your head."

Those sentenced to life imprisonment were Ed Rollins, Chicago hoodlum; Ed Freedman and Frank Fisher, ex-convicts; and Robert Cowan and George Gartler, wholesale cleaning plant proprietors who, according to Malter's testimony, hired the first three in an effort to monopolize through terror the cleaning and dyeing industry here.

Freedman, who was serving a term for the jewel robbery of Actress Mae West when convicted on the murder charge, is still in San Quentin. The others have been paroled. Fisher is serving a six months' sentence on a narcotics charge in the county jail here.

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GANGLAND DEATH—Maurice Malter, who turned state's evidence in a Los Angeles cleaners and dyers war slaying trial in 1939, was found dead yesterday in a ravine near San Mateo. He had been "taken for a ride" and shot 4 times. (Story on Page 1.)

—Los Angeles Examiner photo.

Angeleno Shot to Death in Bay Area Mystery

SAN MATEO, Dec. 15. (AP)—The body of a well-dressed, middle-aged man who apparently had arrived in San Francisco from Los Angeles by air Saturday was found today in a ravine off the Crystal Springs Road four miles west of San Mateo.

The victim had been shot three times through the chest and once in the head.

Among the papers found on the body, authorities reported was a Western Airlines coupon issued to an S. Malter, showing arrival at the San Francisco airport from Los Angeles at 2:4 p.m. Saturday, and a return ticket for the plane leaving at 7:45 p.m. the same evening.

A racing form and a garage ticket issued to M. Malter, 532 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles also were found. The racing form carried the penciled notation "had CTC to win in seventh."

The horse See-Tee-See won one of the twin \$10,000 feature races at the closing program of the Bay Meadows track here Saturday.

One police theory was that the victim had flown to the track to see the race and had won heavily and then had been slain for his winnings. There was no wallet on the body and only 93 cents in change, police said.

Murder Victim Believed to Be Local Merchant

Maurice Malter, 53, of 532 W. Olympic Blvd., tentatively identified by San Mateo County authorities as the victim of roadside slaying there yesterday, has been part owner of an electric appliance store at 117 S. La Brea Ave. the last several years, police here said.

Police said Mrs. Malter told them he had flown to San Francisco Saturday to buy electric supplies for the shop. The Malters have two grown children. Police said the son, Albert, took a plane to San Francisco last night to identify the body.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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DIRECTOR, SACS CHICAGO, SALT LAKE CITY, SAN FRANCISCO

BENJAMIN QUOTE BUGSY UNQUOTE SIEGEL, INFO CONCERNING. CRIME SURVEY.
DEVELOPMENTS FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. TWENTY SEVEN. [REDACTED]

LIEUTENANT FOR SIEGEL AND [REDACTED] CONTINUE TO FURTHER TRANS -
AMERICA WIRE SERVICE BY HIGH PRESSURING LOCAL LA AND PALM SPRINGS
BOOKMAKERS. [REDACTED] IN FREQUENT CONTACT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED LISTENING POST OF MAFFIA,
RE RESERVATIONS LAST FRONTIER HOTEL FOR OPENING OF FLAMINGO HOTEL,
LAS VEGAS. [REDACTED] MET [REDACTED]

CLEVELAND RACKETEER AND REPORTED MEMBER OF MAFFIA, UPON [REDACTED]
ARRIVAL LA DEC. TWENTY FIVE, LAST. [REDACTED] THEN ARRANGED MEETING
WITH JACK DRAGNA NEXT DAY ESTABLISHING CONNECTION BETWEEN [REDACTED]
DRAGNA [REDACTED] AND SIEGEL. [REDACTED] ADVISED SIEGEL IN LAS VEGAS
DEC. TWENTY FOUR THAT QUOTE THE KID UNQUOTE MEANING PROBABLY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CALLED AND [REDACTED] WANTED TO FIND OUT ABOUT QUOTE THE FURS AND
STUFF UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] CONTACTED BY GEORGE RAFT RE PURCHASE OF FURS
[REDACTED] ASKED IF FURS WERE QUOTE WARM UNQUOTE. RAFT SAID
THEY WERE NOT. [REDACTED] CONTACTED [REDACTED] PUBLICITY AGENT HOWARD
HUGHES, WHO STATED HE WOULD HAVE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ATTEND OPENING OF FLAMINGO. [REDACTED] ADVISED
[REDACTED] WOULD ATTEND OPENING. SIEGEL PERTURBED BECAUSE
GEORGE RAFT INDICATED COULD NOT ATTEND FIRST DAY OPENING OF FLAMINGO.

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 8:40 P M Per [Signature]

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AN EVENING IN LAS VEGAS

Fly out on a TWA chartered plane, leaving at 5:30 p.m. each day and returning at 1 a.m. Attend one of the Three-Day Gala Openings of the *Most Luxurious Night Club in the World* . . . Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 26, 27 and 28

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The greatest entertainers of the world will be brought to the *Flamingo* for your entertainment. The opening show will consist of Jimmie Durante and his company, Xavier Cugat and his band, Rosemarie and Tommy Wonder.

Fly up any day and come back the same night. For information or reservations, call Miss Stringfellow at Hillside 7717. The hotel portion of the *Flamingo* will not be open until March 1.



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SAC, LOS ANGELES URGENT

BENJAMIN BUGS SIEGEL, WAS, INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY.
REURTEL YESTERDAY. ILLINOIS LICENSE TAGS ONE NAUGHT EIGHT THREE NINE
WERE ISSUED IN BOTH NINETEEN FORTYSIX AND FORTYSEVEN [REDACTED]

ON A

NINETEEN FORTY TWO CONVENTIONAL TYPE PACKARD, MOTOR NUMBER E ONE SIX
SEVEN FIVE. FACT THAT FORTYSEVEN PLATES ALREADY ISSUED [REDACTED]
INDICATES THAT HE MAY HAVE CHANGED HIS LICENSE PLATES RECENTLY AT
A GARAGE AND MAY NOW BE USING THE FORTYSEVEN LAXXX PLATES. NO
FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN HIS XXXX THIS OFFICE PENDING YOUR
INSTRUCTIONS. CHICAGO INDICES NEGATIVE [REDACTED]

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MEMO., SAC:

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.as.
MISC., INFO. CONC.-CRIME SURVEY

The following was dictated by Special Agent [REDACTED] b7c

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Information has been previously reported on the fact that SIEGEL
has arranged [REDACTED]

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Reference is made to a letter from the Salt Lake City Field Division to the Bureau, New York, and Los Angeles Field Divisions, dated November 2, 1946, wherein information was set forth to the effect that SIEGEL had returned from New York on October 22, 1946 and had [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The following was dictated by Special Agent [REDACTED] b7c

In the conference with Special Agent in Charge and Assistant Special Agent in Charge and the reporting agents held on October 6, 1946, Special Agent [REDACTED] stated that arrangements had been made [REDACTED] to have TM installation in SIEGEL's new apartment in the Flamingo Hotel now under construction. Also, in the future, but something which should certainly be considered when the new wire service is installed in Las Vegas, it is contemplated that their offices will be located over the Golden Nugget, consideration should be given to installing technicals on certain lines at that spot because of the fact that SIEGEL will undoubtedly headquarter there.

3- The suggestion was made and Agent [REDACTED] agreed to act upon it that [REDACTED] b7c b7d

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Agent

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4- [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] b7c
Los Angeles Agents contemplate immediate installation of technical surveillance and the placing of a microphone in the apartment of [REDACTED]. The plant handling the latter will be manned by Agents working the case and it is contemplated that scheduled meetings which are indicated over the DRAGNA line [REDACTED] will be covered inasmuch as it is known that SIEGEL frequently uses [REDACTED] apartment as an office and DRAGNA [REDACTED] and others have had frequent meetings. Along these lines, the Los Angeles Agents anticipate placing a microphone in the apartment of VIRGINIA HILL so that SIEGEL's activities here can be covered closely. A plant for this installation will be handled by the reporting Agents on a spot check basis as soon as her residence is determined and it is anticipated that meetings and conferences will be covered.

6- Also, of interest to the Los Angeles Agents and of importance to this case will be an investigation of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Determining the exact source of SIEGEL's income is of primary importance. Frequent allegations have been made that he is engaged in the narcotics business and allegedly controls the shipment of that commodity on the Pacific Coast. Indications along these lines have been received inasmuch as SIEGEL allegedly [REDACTED] b7c b7d

JACK DRAGNA, local head of the MAFFIA and number one man of the Transamerica, the new wire service, is closely allied with SIEGEL in this enterprise; and [REDACTED] BUGSY's henchman, is actively lining up book-makers and working with DRAGNA in the dissemination of racing news information. Through technicals it has been determined that DRAGNA met with SIEGEL and [REDACTED] recently; apparently at this meeting discussions concerning the T.A. were gone into. [REDACTED] b7c

7- Any investigation of SIEGEL will naturally involve [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] New York mobster and hoodlum, who has been associated with SIEGEL for many years. This character is moving to Southern